

REMARKS

By the present amendment applicant is amending claim 1 to clarify that applicant is claiming an agent being bonded or loaded on the dendrimer structure.

Applicant provisionally elects claims 1-9 for examination together with claims 10-13 and 17 which are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1 (and not independent as claimed) and traverses the Examiners request for restriction with respect to claims 10-13 and claims 14-16.

Also, while applicant disagrees with the Examiner in the request for election of a sub-species, applicant provisionally elects the claims which call for the agent to be an anti-thrombotic drug.

In support of this traverse, it is to be noted that claims 10-13 are directed to a method for applying the coating defined in claim 1 and are therefore dependent on claim 1. With this being the case, Applicants submit that claims 10-13 are NOT INDEPENDENT AS CLAIMED. Accordingly, once claim 1 is found allowable as a generic claim, claims 10-13 will also be allowable.

Also, once generic claim 1 is found allowable, the claims directed to the other two agents, namely an antibiotic drug or a dye, will also be allowable.

Further while claim 1 is directed to a coating and claims 10-13 are directed to methods for applying the coating, claims 14-16 are directed to a device coated with one agent in one zone and another agent in another zone. Thus applicant submits that all the claims are directed to a coating with claims 14-16 being directed to a device having the coating thereon. Accordingly the claims are directed to related inventions and therefore all the claims should be examined.

In summary, Applicant elects claims 1-10 and the agent being an anti-thrombotic drug for examination purposes and submits that all the claims should be examined for the reasons set forth above. An early and favorable action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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